March, 1995 regarding filling up of 10 reserved vacancies in the category of Loader in Air India in its Delhi office and state:

(a) whether the above said vacancies are now free from all administrative hinderances and can be filled up through direct recruitment; and

(b) if so, specific date by when all selection formalities will be completed?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) No, Sir, The embargo on direct recruitment is still in force as absorption of Vayudoot employees is continuing. Also Air India will have to honour the award of the Central Government Industrial Tribunal for absorption of casual labourers who have been working in Air India for long periods.

(b) Does not arise.

Setting up of Garment Factories by Private Parties

183. SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of applications received by him in 1995 from private parties for manufacturing readymade garments;

(b) the number of letters of intent issued in their favour for setting up garment factories; and

(c) the details of aid and assistance granted to private parties for setting up such garment factories?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) to (c) During the period January—October, 1995, 70 applications had been received by the Secretariat of Industrial Approvals under the provisions of Industries (Development & Regulation) Act, 1951 for setting up readymade garment units. Out of the above applications, 37 Letters of Intent have been granted. The letters of Intent enable the entrepreneurs to take effective steps for setting up their ready-made garment units.

New Schemes of SIDBI

184. SHRI V. RAJAN CHELLAPPA: Will the Minuter of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Small Industries Development Bank of India has recently chalked out number of schemes to meet the demand of Small Scale Industries;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the extent upto which the small scale industries have been benefited by SIDBI during the past 3 years; and

(d) whether representations given by small industries from time to time for financial facilities are considered and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (DR. DEBIPROSAD PAL): (a) and (b) The Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) has reported that it has recently introduced Technology Development and Modernisation Fund (TDMF) Scheme to provide assistance to eligible small scale industrial (SSI) units either in the form of loan or equity or both to modernise their production facilities and adopt improved and updated technology to strengthen their export capabilities.

SIDBI has also extended the National Equity Fund Scheme to all tiny, small scale industrial units irrespective of then-location, except for units located in metropolitan areas, and has enlarged the scope of the scheme to cover extension, modernisation, technology upgradation and diversification.